

'PIG WOMAN' REMOVED TO HOSPITAL; ILLNESS BLOW AT HALL PROSECUTION

Rector's Widow Escapes Death In Auto Crash

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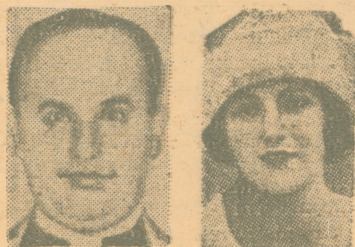
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 4.—Ralph V. Gorsline, who was a vestryman in Dr. Hall's church, took the stand today after Mrs. Anna L. Hoag had testified she heard shots in De Russey's Lane the night of the murder.

Gorsline said he and Miss Rastall were in De Russey's Lane in an automobile at 10.15 the night of the murder and within 200 feet of the crabapple tree where the bodies were found. He heard voices, shots, a woman's scream and a moaning that died away as if somebody was stopping it.

Prosecution of the Hall-Mills case was seriously upset today by the absence of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the state's star witness, who is lying in Somerset Hospital with a high fever.

As the trial opened it was apparent that Prosecutor Simpson would have to make a rapid change of plans and tactics in order to surmount this new obstacle without seriously damaging the continuity of his murder proof.

While Simpson's aids were scurrying about preparing to continue the case without Mrs. Gibson, word came to the courthouse that Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, one of



Rev. E. W. Hall Mrs. Eleanor Mills the three defendants, had a narrow escape from death on the road from New Brunswick.

Outside of Bound Brook the auto carrying her party careened into a ditch to avoid colliding with a truck. A car filled with newspapermen just behind nearly crashed into the Hall car, so sudden was the halt. Despite the severe shaking up, Mrs. Hall did not lose her composure. She smiled faintly and then apparently dismissed the incident from her mind.

The serious condition of the "pig woman" was verified by Dr. Anderson Lawton, who was called hurriedly to her home shortly after she left court yesterday. He said she had suffered another collapse similar to her first in court.

Dr. Lawton ordered her immediate removal to the hospital. This morning he issued the statement which threw Simpson's plans into a state of chaos.

The statement said:—

"Mrs. Gibson is suffering from an acute infectious condition. She has a temperature of 102 degrees. It may be the forerunner of pneumonia or some other serious malady. She is restless and disturbed. She should not be forced into court today, and I will not consent to her presence."

It was the intention of Prosecution to call Mrs. Gibson to the stand today.

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Hold Fate of Mrs. Hall and Her Two Brothers



THESE TWELVE MEN, "tried and true," the jury in the Hall-Mills case, are seen leaving the marble Somerset County Courthouse at Somerville, N. J., after the first day of New Jersey's most famous murder trial. The jury was selected in the record breaking time of one hour and fifteen minutes.

Slain Rector's Widow Coldly Masks Soul Before Public

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Duce, Heavily Guarded, Reaches Thankful Rome

ROME, Nov. 4.—Thankful that their idol, Premier Mussolini, had once more escaped from the bullets of assassins, thousands of Fascisti aligned themselves along the road and roared out their welcome to the dictator as he arrived here from southern Italy.



Mussolini

Armed guards kept close to the premier and were ready to shoot at the least display of hostility. However, it was a crowd almost hysterical with joy. Just before the dictator arrived, scores of troops surrounded the station.

Mussolini, after his arrival, entered a closed car, which he drove alone. On each side of the car were two detectives on bicycles. Along the streets which he passed were the Fascist militia, forming close columns of rifles with bayonets fixed.

Today the premier will take up his work at the ministry of foreign affairs.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges \$1,066,000,000
Balances 118,000,000
Credit balance 98,000,000

THE WEATHER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST
LOCAL—Fair, with rising temperature tonight and Friday; moderate southerly to western winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday; probably local snow or rain in northeast portion; slowly rising temperature in south portion; moderate to fresh south and southwest winds.
Hour. Temp. Weather. Barom. Wind.
Midnight 35 Clear 30.11 NW 13
2 a. m. 34 Clear 30.11 NW 14
4 a. m. 33 Clear 30.11 NW 10
6 a. m. 32 Clear 30.12 NW 10
8 a. m. 33 Clear 30.13 NW 10
10 a. m. 33 Clear 30.13 NW 12

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 4.—She looked old today—old and very tired—that "strong, proud" person whose soul the fiery little prosecutor of the Hall-Mills case is laying bare with unmerciful lashes in his effort to convict the slayers of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

Mrs. Frances Hall will be 53 next January and she looked years older as she entered the tiny courtroom here for the second day of her trial and that of her brother Willie and Henry Stevens.

Mrs. Hall's lawyers have suggested to her that she attempt to smile as she sits where the jury can watch her every expression. In fact, they have commanded her to do so.

It is pitiful to watch her try to carry out her counsel's orders. The widow of the Episcopalian rector who was found dead with a sexton's wife just can't smile. Mrs. Frances Stevens is either terribly crushed by the ordeal she has gone through or she never learned how to laugh. The latter view may be unfair, but it is the consensus of observers.

Never learned how to laugh! Think of it!

When the hair that is gray was black, at a time when sunshine, the gay out-of-doors, schooldays, parties and fun called to the average girl, and they welcomed it with all great glorious hopes—Frances Stevens went her way alone, and today, during her trial for life, she walks just as much apart as in the days which have gone. Alone, despite the costly array of lawyers defending her. Alone, notwithstanding the relatives on all sides of her. Alone, although she has money to buy what she pleases.

"A strong, proud woman, wounded perhaps as much in her pride as in her affections," Prosecutor Simpson said of her.

"A woman considerably older than her husband, a woman of position, wealth and refinement—and a chilly, cold household."

A chilly, cold household!

New York Faces Shortage in Its Milk Supply

New York city faces a shortage of 50,000 quarts of milk daily because of the seasonal failure of pasturage, it was said.



O. L. Mills

At the same time district attorneys in Queens and The Bronx announced that they were considering the problem of how to investigate charges that the milk did not meet the requirements of the law.

In a few days, according to District Attorney McGeehan of The Bronx, Ogden L. Mills will be invited to give evidence concerning his statements that the city's milk was being adulterated.

Health Commissioner Louis I. Harris stated that the most effective way to meet the shortage is to find methods of increasing milk production.

JAIL WIFE DESERTER

Felix Rivera, 26, of 74 Andrew St., Bayonne, N. J., is held without bail today to await the action of the Hudson county grand jury on a charge of desertion preferred by his common-law wife. Rivera was arrested a year ago charged with bigamy, but the case has not been tried.

7 Trapped Miners Dead; Fear 50 Lost in Cave-in

ISHPEMING, MICH., Nov. 4 (By U. P.)—Seven bodies had been recovered today from the Barnes Hecker mine where between fifty and sixty iron miners were trapped yesterday by a cave-in.

The bodies included those of Capt. William Tippet, underground mine superintendent, and County Mine Inspector William E. Hill.

About fifty men were entombed when a swamp-bottom dropped into the mine. Unless aid reaches them soon few will come out alive. Quicksand is now pouring into an adjoining shaft.

U. S. Senate Now Beyond Control Of Republicans

It is now surely indicated that the Republicans have lost practical control of the United States Senate.

Through the Democrats gaining seven seats held by Republican and the expected election of a Republican senator in a special election in Maine on November 29, the Republicans will have exactly half the membership of the upper house in the next Congress, whose term will extend from March 4, 1927, to March 4, 1929.

In other words, the next Senate will be a tie between forty-eight Republicans and a combined opposition of forty-seven Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite.

The House will continue with a Republican majority.

Check of Votes Favors Ottinger As G. O. P. Victor

Albert E. Ottinger will be the only Republican elected to office in New York state, according to a partial check-up of votes today.

One hundred and thirty election districts have not been heard from as yet, but as these sections are strongly Republican it is estimated that the attorney general will win by a plurality of about 5,500 votes over his Democratic opponent, Benjamin Stolz of Syracuse.

At present Stolz has a majority of 4,696 votes. But as the counting is continued, there is a noticeable increase of votes favoring Ottinger.



A. E. Ottinger

4 Thugs Gag Clerk, Get \$10,000 Gems In Brooklyn Store

Four armed bandits walked into Cohen Bros. jewelry store at 922 Manhattan Ave., Greenpoint, Brooklyn, today, held up Joseph O'Neill, the clerk, as he was arranging diamonds in the show window, and after binding and gagging him in a rear room, escaped with gems which the police were told are worth \$10,000.

Henry Bailey, of 137 Kent St., Brooklyn, who interrupted the bandits at their work, also bound and gagged.

The men escaped in a taxicab driven by a fifth man.